

## REMARKS

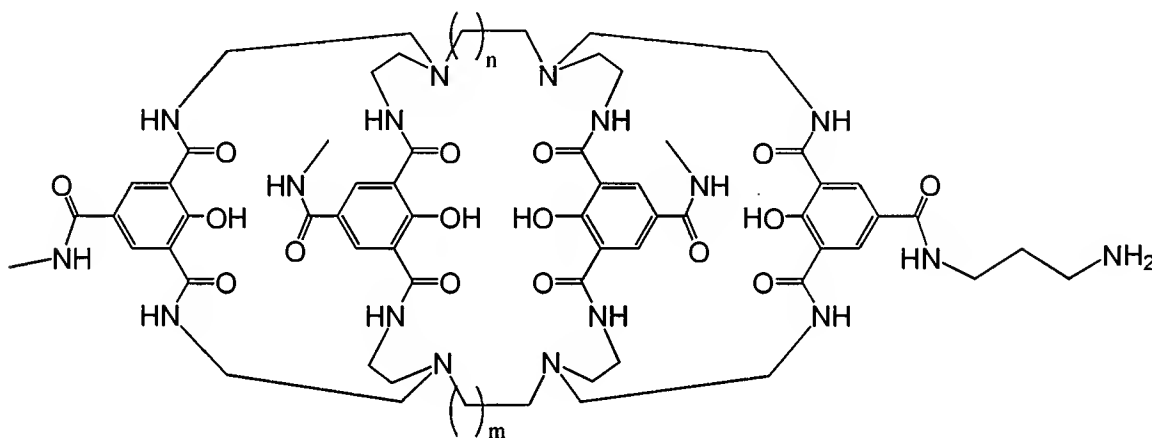
### *Status of the Claims*

Claims 1-39 are pending. Claim 11 is amended to correct a typographical error.

### *Requirement for Restriction*

In response to the requirement to restrict the claims to one of the groups of invention indicated on page 2 of the pending office action, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-22 and 36-38 wherein none of  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  forms a ring.

In response to the requirement to elect a species of invention, Applicant hereby elects



wherein m and n are each 1.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-10, 13-22 and 36-38 read on the election.

This election is made with traverse. Among the special technical features possessed by the claimed invention is the tri-amide or -amine substituted aromatic ring shown in claim 1. Whether any of the pairs selected from  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$ , and  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are joined or not to form a ring, the special technical feature will be shared across all embodiments. Therefore, it respectfully submitted that, at least between Groups I and II, unity of invention is present. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

### *Conclusion*

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance, and early notification thereof is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if necessary to expedite prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required, including extension fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (Docket No. 061818-02-5009-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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